

TAKEAWAY

The Radical King

Transformation through the story of Jesus

HOW TO AVOID FAKE RELIGION SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, we looked at Matthew 6:1-4, where Jesus addresses 'fake religion' and how it can be expressed through the way give.

READ

Matthew 6:1-4

DISCUSS

1. What is righteousness? Is it something we should pursue? How?
2. What are some of the ways we might 'announce' our goodness to other people? Why do we do this? Which do you particularly struggle with?
3. Why is there no reward from God when we are only outwardly righteous?
4. What are the benefits of being discreet about how we give?

5. Does this passage mean we should be completely secret about what we do with our money?

6. Does anyone else know about what you do with your money? How comfortable are you to talk about it? Why so?

7. In saying 'do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing' Jesus is saying our giving should in a sense be 'secret' from ourselves, i.e. we don't use it as a cause for self-praise. Undoubtedly, this is very difficult! How can we get to a place where we can give without seeking credit from anyone, including ourselves?

8. Someone might say 'It doesn't matter about the motives as long as money gets to those in need'? To what extent is this true? What would Jesus say to this thought?

PRAY

